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Copenhagen, February 11.

Great Diligence is used here in fitting out six Men of War, which are designed to cruise in the Baltick, under the Command of Commodore Tordenschiold, as soon the Season will permit. It has froze so very hard here for these three Days past, that if it continues so a few Days longer, Men will be able to go over to Schonen upon the Ice. On the 8th came in a Mail from Norway, but brought nothing remarkable, except from Drontheim, that a new Distemper there had carried off a considerable Number of People in a few Days. We have a Report, that General Spar is to come hither with a publick Character from the Queen of Sweden.

Hambourg, Feb. 14. Count Reventlau, who is President of the Exchequer, or Treasurer of Holstein, is gone to Sweden, to solicit the Release of his Brother in Law Baron Goertz; and Collonel Bassewitz who arrived here some Days ago, coming from London, set out the 12th Instant for Copenhagen, in his Way to Sweden through Denmark. The Posts from all Parts are wanting by Reason of the Frost. The Duke of Leeds, with four of his Party are come hither: They keep pretty private hitherto, and avoid Company.

Paris, Feb. 18. On the 11th Instant the Earl of Stair, Ambassadour of the King of Great Britain, had publick Audience at the Palace of Luxembourg of the Dutches of Berry. He was received within the Door of the Guard Room by the Marquess de la Rochefoucauld, Captain of the Life-Guards, which stood in two Lines under Arms, and conducted by the Chevalier de Saintot, who had brought him from his Hotel in the Dutches of Berry's Coach. On the 15th he had publick Audience of Madame, and of the Duke of Orleans, conducted by M. de Marpre, Introducer of Ambassadors to his Royal Highness. At his entering the Palais Royal he found the Guards of the Gate ranged in two Lines under Arms, and on the Stairs the Swiss with their Halberds in their Hands. He was received within the Guard Room by the Count d'Arlin, Captain of Madame's Guards, and when he passed to his Audience of the Duke of Orleans, by the Count d'Estampes, Captain of his Royal Highness's Life Guards, and at the Door of the Chamber of Audience by the Marquess de Simiane, first Gentleman of the Bed Chamber. He was re-conducted to his Hotel by the said Introducer, in the Duke of Orleans's Coach. On this Occasion his Excellency made the following Speech to his Royal Highness.

S I R,

THE King of Great Britain, my Master, has ordered me to assure you, that His Majesty looks upon himself as less engaged

to your Royal Highness by the Ties of Blood, than by those of Friendship; which His Majesty will always maintain, on his Part, by an entire Confidence, and free Communication of Counsels in all Things relating to publick Affairs.

This Friendship is the strongest Band of the Union between Great Britain and France, to which Union both Nations owe the Tranquility they enjoy, and which they will soon communicate to all their Neighbours by the Execution and Effects of the Quadruple Alliance.

The Plan of that Treaty establishes, in the first Place, Peace throughout Europe, on solid and lasting Foundations, by keeping to the Dispositions already made and settled in the Chief Governments of Europe, with the Consent and Sanction of their Neighbours; secondly, provides against all Occasions of Dispute that human Prudence can foresee in the Course of Time; and thirdly, fixes a powerful Guarantie for the publick Tranquility once settled.

To judge whether the Scheme of the Quadruple Alliance is good, it needs only be compared with that of our Enemies. Their Scheme appears to be, the overturning the Dispositions established in all the great Governments of Europe, by the several Nations themselves, and by solemn Treaties; the exciting of Civil Wars in every Country, and a general War throughout all Europe; the throwing all into Confusion, and leaving the Determination to the Sword; without proposing any other End at present, than a general Combustion, and endless Anarchy and Disorder for the future.

These Truths are too evident to be long disguised with false Colours, by the Craft and Malice of some particular Persons. Europe will soon perceive its true Interest, and not hearken to those Incendiaries, who advise the preferring War and Confusion to Peace, to a quiet and orderly State of Affairs.

The King assures your Royal Highness, that he will never depart from the Designs and End of the Quadruple Alliance, which is to re-establish the publick Tranquility of Europe.

Resolution and Firmness will soon overcome the few Difficulties that yet remain. Providence seems to declare it self every where for a Work so beneficial to Mankind. All the Machinations and Conspiracies of the Enemies of the publick Quiet have failed every where, and we are very near seeing Peace and Tranquility restored.

For maintaining that Tranquility, the King proposes to continue in strict Alliance with France, and in perfect Friendship with your Royal Highness.

I shall think my self very happy, if by my Ministry I can in any Degree contribute to the Execution of so good a Design: The more, because